

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 5-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been canceled. Claims 2, 5, 8-13, 18 and 20 have been amended.

Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 9-13 have been amended to depend from claim 5.

Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 6, thereby providing proper antecedent basis for the pair of ground engaging beams.

Claims 5 and 20 have been amended to clarify the limitation regarding movement of the sliding plates.

Applicant thanks Examiner for the allowance of claims 18-20.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors noted by the Examiner.

Conclusion

In light of the amendments made by Applicant above, Applicant submits that all existing claims are now in a condition for allowance.

If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call Colin Cahoon or Chris O'Hagan at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any payments that may be due or credit any overpayments to CARSTENS & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account 50-0392.

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Respectfully submitted,



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